



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**Heinz EICHER**

Application No: 10/812,068

**Confirmation No: 1312**

Filed: March 30, 2004

For: DEVICE FOR LETTING OFF  
RESIDUAL STEAM AND WATER  
FROM THE HEATING UNIT OF A  
HOT BEVERAGE MACHINE

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Reginald ALEXANDER

Atty. Docket No: 31496-201080

Customer No:

**26694**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

***Mail Stop: Amendment***

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply. It is not believed that extensions of time or other fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. If, however, additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims or any other fee deficiency), are hereby authorized to be charged, and any overpayments credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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**Remarks** begin on page 5.